

REMARKS

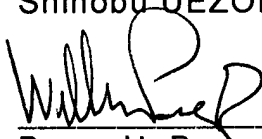
The present paper is being filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to submit a verified English language translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-190599, to overcome a rejection set forth in the outstanding Official Action by perfecting Applicants claim for foreign priority.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in due course. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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